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1. IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL APPROACHES BY EMBASSY, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PROVIDED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED DECEMBER 2, INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, WITH REGARD TO THE EXPEDITION OF THE ALPHA HELIX, HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST DETAILS ON PHASE VII OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING COSTS, DURATION OF STAY IN COLOMBIAN TERRITORY, PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT AND THE WORK THAT EACH WILL UNDERTAKE IN COLOMBIAN TERRITORY, AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE CO-INVESTIGATING COLOMBIAN SCIENTISTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

SIMILARLY, INFORMATION IS REQUESTED REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH COLOMBIAN LAWS REGULTAING SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION BY FOREIGN MISSIONS WILL BE MET, PARTICULARLY THE REGULATIONS SET FORTH BY RESOLUTION 626 B (1973) OF THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE. END QUOTE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

2. COPIES OF RESOLUTION 626 B WERE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SIO LAST APRIL. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE SPOKE TODAY, STICKING POINT IS ARTICLE THREE, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. SIMILARLY, FOREIGN INVESTIGATORS OF MISSIONS WHICH COME TO COLOMBIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL OR ARCHEO-
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LOGICAL INVESTIGATION SHOULD PROVIDE TO THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE

OF ANTHROPOLOGY, A PART OF THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE, INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS REPRESENTING 30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR THE INVESTIGATION ITSELF. MOREOVER, SAID STUDY MISSIONS SHOULD CONTRACT FOR ONE CO-INVESTIGATOR FROM THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY FOR EACH TWO FOREIGN INVESTIGATORS. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE FOREIGN INVESTIGATOR, HE SHOULD CONTRACT ONE COLOMBIAN CO-INVESTIGATOR, DESIGNATED BY THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY. END QUOTE.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO MEET THE REQUEST FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON PHASE VII, EMBASSY IS TODAY PROVIDING FOREIGN MINISTRY COPIES OF PHASE VII SUMMARY AND LIST OF PARTICIPANTS LEFT WITH US BY SIO. HOWEVER, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS WILL NOT MEET GOC DEMANDS, WE SUGGEST THAT SIO IMMEDIATELY SEND MORE DETAILED STATEMENT PROVIDING DATA REQUESTED BY NOTE TO: STEPHEN R. GIBSON, AMERICAN EMBASSY, APO NEW YORK 09895.

4. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STEPS SIO HAS TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH RESOLUTION 626B.
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